



**MINUTES OF THE  
MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
January 8, 2014**

The November meeting of the Maryland Transportation Commission was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 10:33AM in the Board Room of the Maryland Department of Transportation. The following members were present.

Chairman Sudhir Trivedi  
MDOT Staff Ian Beam  
MDOT Staff Vicki Schittone  
William Cox Jr.  
Elmer Horsey  
Michael Moore  
Carol Petzold  
Gary Simpson  
Gregory Snook  
Charles Deegan  
Micah Watson

Chairman Sudhir Trivedi called the meeting to order at 10:33AM. Mr. Trivedi asked if the commission agreed to approve the minutes from the last meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Petzold noted a minor error in the minutes. Second paragraph, 5 lines down starting at “Mr. Wiedefeld the directed”; she said she would like to change it to “Mr. Wiedefeld then directed”. All voted in favor to approve the minutes with the change.

The first request is for a proposed dedication of the Route 436 Bridge that spans Weems Creek on behalf of Special Warfare Operator Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> class SO1 (SEAL) Patrick Feeks who died in action while serving in Afghanistan in August of 2012. Mr. Jeffery Wells, Chairman of The Connected Warrior Foundation accompanied by Mr. Jim Leckinger and Ms. Sara Watters also with Connected Warrior Foundation where presenting the dedication request. Mr. Feeks left behind a wife who is also enlisted as a Navy Special Operations Cryptologist who is currently stationed in Tampa, FL. Mr. Feeks was a native of Anne Arundel County and his parents still reside in Anne Arundel County. SO1 Feeks Dad and sister graduated from the Naval Academy in 1973 and 2010. SO1 Feeks was an avid cyclist, who cycled on MD 436 often, and it was felt that this location is appropriate due to the Naval Academy’s proximity and to serve as a reminder of those residents who have served their county. Mr. Wells stated that he is hopeful that this will inspire others and also remember those individuals. After ascertaining the specifics of the sign and SHA approval, the Commission thanked Mr. Wells for his proposal and then voted unanimously to approve the dedication.

Mr. Beam then briefly mentioned a potential dedication for the Vietnam Vets Association Chapter 172, City of Cumberland on I68. Mr. Snook remarked that “this stretch of road is very dangerous and you cannot take your eyes off the road.” Mr. Beam noted that SHA concurred in that assessment, but as the formal request has not yet been submitted, there is no action for the Commission to take.

After a quick review of the 2014 Maryland General Assembly Proposed Session MDOT Legislative Package, as distributed by the Office of Policy and Governmental Affairs, Mr. Beam then shared with the Commission the efforts to transfer the statewide database of dedications into Google Earth. This transition will take some time to complete.

Hearing no other items of business, the Commission adjourned at 11:20AM until February 5, 2014.  
[POSTPONED UNTIL FEB 18 DUE TO INCLEMENT WINTER WEATHER]